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Re: In the Matter of NEVD Holdings, LLC Application for Authority Under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, For a *Pro Forma* Transfer of Corporate Control of a Common Carrier Providing Domestic Interstate Service

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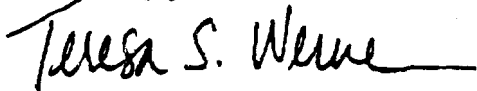
On behalf of NEVD Holdings, LLC, enclosed for filing are the original and five (5) copies of the above-referenced Application. Also enclosed with this filing are the FCC Form 159 Remittance Advice, a check in the amount of \$815.00 to cover the filing fee, and a duplicate copy of the filing. Please date-stamp the duplicate copy and return to the courier.

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A draft Public Notice is attached to the instant application consistent with the form used by the staff with prior similar transactions. NEVD Holdings, LLC will transmit an electronic copy of the draft Public Notice to the Commission's staff upon request.

If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at the above number.

Very truly yours,



Teresa S. Werner

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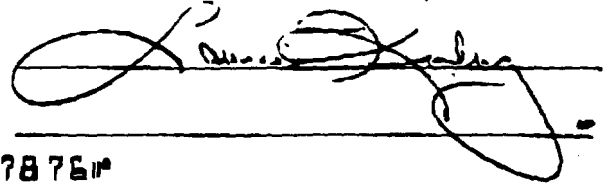
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Federal Communications Commission  
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In the Matter of )  
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Amended Application for Authority Under ) File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Section 214 of the Communications Act )  
of 1934, As Amended, For a Transfer of )  
Corporate Control of a Common Carrier )  
Providing Domestic Interstate Service )

**AMENDED APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER OF CONTROL**

NEVD Holdings, LLC ("NEVD"), together with M/C Venture Partners V, L.P. ("M/C V"), M/C Venture Investors LLC ("M/C Investors"), and Chestnut Venture Partners, L.P. ("Chestnut", and collectively, the "Investors"), pursuant to Section 1.65 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.65, hereby amend a prior application seeking authority to complete a *pro forma* transfer of corporate control, whereby NEVD sought to be reorganized as a corporation, NEVD Holdings, Inc. ("NEVD Inc.").<sup>1</sup> By this amendment, NEVD and the Investors seek to change the name of NEVD Holdings, Inc. to Conversent Holdings, Inc. ("Conversent"). Thus, NEVD and the Investors seek authority to complete a *pro forma* transfer of corporate control, whereby NEVD will reorganize as a corporation, Conversent Holdings, Inc.

In addition, NEVD and the Investors seek authority to permit the Investors to acquire approximately 35 percent of the voting equity of Conversent. With this equity ownership, the Investors would have the power to nominate two directors to Conversent's five member Board of Directors. NEVD would have the right to appoint three directors,

<sup>1</sup> See, *NEVD Holdings, LLC - Application for Authority Under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, For a Pro Forma Transfer of Corporate Control of a Common Carrier Providing Domestic Interstate Service*, File No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed Oct. 18, 2001.

one of whom will be subject to Investors' approval, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld. As part of this transaction, the Investors would also obtain approval rights over a variety of corporate matters, including Conversent's annual operating plan, capital expenditures, and other spending, as well as any changes to Conversent's senior management.

Finally, beginning four years after consummation of the transaction, Investors will, at specified times, have the right to exercise voting control over the Board of Directors so as to enable the Investors to effectuate a sale of Conversent if Conversent has not theretofore been sold. As part of this application, Conversent and Investors seek approval, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, as amended, for Investors to acquire control of Conversent pursuant to this right so as to enable Investors to effectuate a sale of Conversent at some point in the future. Any such sale will be consummated only after obtaining prior FCC approval pursuant to Section 214.

Currently, operating subsidiaries of NEVD provide domestic interstate service under the blanket Section 214 authority established under Section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.01. It is this authority that is the subject of this Amended Application.

This Amended Application replaces that which was filed on October 18, 2001. Pursuant to the guidelines set out in the Commission's Public Notice released July 20, 2001,<sup>2</sup> NEVD and the Investors set forth the following information in support of this Amended Application.

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<sup>2</sup> *Common Carrier Bureau Announces Procedures for Applicants Requiring Section 214 Authorization for Acquisitions of Corporate Control*, DA 01-1654, rel. July 20, 2001.

**I. Description of the Parties, the Transaction, and the Services Provided**

NEVD is a Rhode Island limited liability company. It is the holding company for a number of direct and indirect subsidiaries that provide a variety of communications services, including local exchange, long distance, international, and data services to customers in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions.

Conversent will be formed as a Delaware corporation. It currently does not have any subsidiaries, and does not provide any telecommunications services.

The Investors are a group of related private equity firms. The general partner of M/C V is M/C VP V LLC. The managers of M/C VP V LLC are James F. Wade, Peter H.O. Claudy, David D. Croll, and Matthew J. Rubins. The general partner of Chestnut is Chestnut Street Partners, Inc. David D. Croll is president and 100 percent shareholder of Chestnut Street Partners, Inc. The managers of M/C Investors are James F. Wade, Peter H.O. Claudy, and David D. Croll.

NEVD and the Investors propose to effectuate a two-step transaction. In step one, NEVD would convert to a corporation by contributing the ownership of its subsidiaries to Conversent. In exchange, NEVD would receive capital stock in Conversent. Therefore, the ultimate ownership and control of NEVD's current direct and indirect subsidiaries would remain unchanged as a result of step one of the proposed transaction.

In step two, Conversent would issue new preferred stock to the Investors. Following this investment and on a fully-diluted basis, voting equity of Conversent would be held as follows: NEVD, approximately 50 percent (the exact percentage will be slightly in excess of 50 percent); the Investors, approximately 35 percent; and various individuals, including managers and employees of the Conversent entities, approximately 15 percent.

Conversent will be governed by a five member Board of Directors. The Investors will have the right to appoint two directors. NEVD will have the right to appoint the remaining three directors, one of whom will be subject to the Investors' approval, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld. By virtue of their ownership in Conversent, the Investors would obtain approval rights over a variety of corporate matters, including Conversent's annual operating plan, capital expenditures, and other spending, as well as any changes to Conversent's senior management. In addition, beginning four years after consummation of the transaction, Investors will, at specified times, have the right to exercise voting control over the Board of Directors so as to enable the Investors to effectuate a sale of Conversent if Conversent has not theretofore been sold. As mentioned, any such sale will be consummated only after obtaining prior FCC approval pursuant to Section 214.

Correspondence concerning this application should be addressed to:

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## **II. List of Applications Pending or To Be Filed**

Pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(3), NEVD and the Investors are filing an application for a transfer of control of international Section 214 authorizations held by various subsidiaries of NEVD with the International Bureau.



**III. Copy of the Relevant Merger Agreement, if Any**

As this transaction represents an intracorporate restructuring with a subsequent investment, there is no relevant merger agreement.

**IV. Public Interest Considerations**

Granting this Amended Application serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The proposed transaction involves no change in the entity providing service to customers, nor does it propose any change to the terms and conditions of such service. The restructuring does not affect the technical or financial qualifications of NEVD or any of its operating subsidiaries. The management of Conversent will not change as a result of the proposed transactions, and all customer and regulatory contacts for the operating subsidiaries will remain unchanged. Thus, the transaction will be completely transparent to customers.

This transaction will enable NEVD to obtain needed equity funding to expand the service offerings of its subsidiaries, thereby enabling them to compete in the domestic and international marketplaces more efficiently. It is important that NEVD be able to close this transaction as soon as possible. For this reason, NEVD and the Investors request that the Commission expedite its processing of this Amended Application once the statutory public notice period ends. In order to facilitate this process and for the staff's convenience, a draft Public Notice for the instant Amended Application consistent with the form used by the staff with prior transactions is attached hereto. An electronic copy of the draft Public Notice will be transmitted to the Commission's staff upon request.

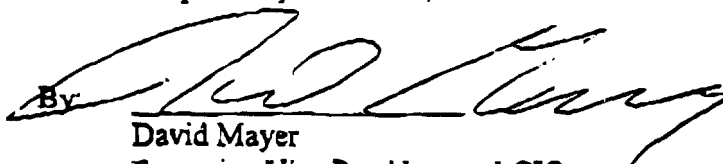
V. Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1998

As evidenced by the certification provided in Attachment 1, no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

VI. Conclusion

In light of the above, NEVD and the Investors respectfully request that the Commission expeditiously grant this Amended Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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November 2, 2001

Attachment 1**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned hereby certifies, on behalf of NEVD Holdings, LLC ("NEVD"), with respect to the foregoing application for authority to conduct a transfer of corporate control, that:

it is not subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

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As evidenced by the certification provided in Attachment 1, no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

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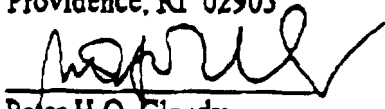
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The undersigned hereby certifies, on behalf of M/C Venture Partners V, L.P., M/C Venture Investors LLC and Chestnut Venture Partners, L.P., with respect to the foregoing application for authority to conduct a transfer of corporate control, that:

they are not subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

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